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## PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77620

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Appln. No.: 10/670,790

Group Art Unit: 1754

Confirmation No.: 4363

Examiner: Steven J. BOS

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING METAL PARTICLES AND METAL OXIDE OBTAINED  
FROM THE PARTICLES

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated September 20, 2006, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 15-18 (drawn to a method of making metal particles) for prosecution, without traverse. In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects silver (Ag) used in Examples 1 and 2, also without traverse. Among the Group I claims, claims 1-3 and 5-7 read thereon.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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